

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application. Claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Koji**

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koji (Published Japanese Patent Application JP10-171531). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Koji to claim 5 is moot because claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present rejection. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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